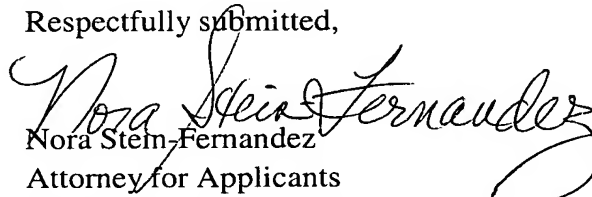


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP03/08449 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

Claims 3, 4 and 6 have been amended. Claims 7-10 have been canceled. New claim 11 has been added and is directed to a method for treatment and prophylaxis of specific diseases with a compound of formula I. Favorable reconsideration of claims 1-6, favorable consideration of new claim 11 and allowance of this application with claims 1-6 and 11 are earnestly solicited.

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